Superspeciality Hospitals of ESI in Kerala

1922. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the stage at which the construction of ESI superspeciality hospital at Asramam of Kollam in Kerala stand at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that the approval for construction of the hospital has not been accorded, though the State Government agreed to provide all the requirements as stipulated by the ESI Corporation; and

(c) if so, Govenrment's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) It has been decided to set up a Superspeciality Cardiac Centre in the Kollam Hospital in Kerala. Building plans have been finalised. Commitment from the State Government is awaited for posting of Staff and bearing the expenditure of management of the Cardiology Unit, before issue of formal sanction.

Number of Labourers in Unorganised Sectors

1923. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey to ascertain the number of labourers engaged in bidi industry, building construction and other unorganised sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to provide basic working conditions for them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) According to the survey conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) in 1999-2000, the total employment in the unorganised sector is about 36.9 crore. From these about 1.7 crore